

Executive Summary

Discussion about historic district zoning and architectural design guidelines in Yorktown dates back to the 1970s. The material contained in this document is the product of work that began in response to discussion that took place during the *Focus of Yorktown* Workshop in 1989 and goals established in the Yorktown Master Plan, which was adopted in 1993. This particular draft has been developed by a subcommittee of the York County Planning Commission consisting of three Commission members and three Yorktown residents.

The document is organized into the following major sections:

- The Committee report, dated July 10, 2002;
- An introductory statement describing the **Significance of Yorktown** from an historical and architectural perspective;
- The draft **Yorktown Historic District Overlay** ordinance, which would become a part of the York County Zoning Ordinance and would formally establish an historic district in accordance with the authority provided by the Code of Virginia. The adoption of the historic district overlay is the foundation for the architectural design review process;
- A general discussion of the proposed architectural **Design Guidelines**, their purpose, the goals and principles considered in their creation, and the procedures that would be used to review building proposals in Yorktown;
- The **Specific Guidelines**, organized into a general *Statement of Purpose*, the guidelines applicable to the *Historic Core*, and the guidelines applicable to the *Waterfront*;
- An appendix containing **Illustrations and Diagrams** and one containing a **Glossary**.